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New Provost & VP for Academic Affairs Named



Saint Mary's announces the [appointment of Margaret Kasimatis PhD](#) as the College's new Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. Kasimatis, who joins the university on Feb. 1, comes to SMC from Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, where she has served as Vice Provost for Strategic Planning and Educational Effectiveness for the past 11 years. She has provided leadership in many areas, including academic program planning and review, strategic planning, academic policy, faculty development, student learning programs, and student success.

SEBA Releases 2016-17 Dean's Report

In the past year Saint Mary's School of Economics and Business Administration (SEBA), led by Dean Zhan Li, continued to advance towards academic excellence and distinction in accordance with the institution's strategic plan. [Read the full 2016-17 Dean's Report](#) for stories and statistics showing how the school fulfilled its commitment to developing leaders who think globally and lead responsibly.



Reaching Across the Aisle



Voices from two sides of the political spectrum joined in conversation last week in “Across the Aisle,” a free [evening of bipartisan dialogue](#) between California State Senator Steve Glazer (D-Orinda) and Assemblymember Catharine Baker (R-Dublin), organized by SMC students Kavya Maddali '18 and Matthew Fitzgerald '17, respective presidents of the SMC College Republicans and Young Democrats. The two elected officials, above, hailed the merits of bipartisanship. “Every major challenge... is best solved when both parties sit down and work together on a solution,” said Baker. “I’m going to represent the people of my district and not my political party,” said Glazer.

A Recovery Full of Heart: Professor Chi-An Emhoff

Last month, Chi-An Emhoff, professor of kinesiology at Saint Mary’s since 2014, marked her [first anniversary as a breast cancer survivor](#) by running a half marathon. One special alum literally went the extra mile to support her—actually, make that 13 miles. That’s the length of the annual Healdsburg Half Marathon, for which Chris Miller '16, an athlete and trainer whom Emhoff taught and mentored, devised her training plan.



SEBA Undergraduates Present Case Studies to Target

Professor Kelly Weidner’s marketing class [gained real-world experience with Target](#), which tasked students with developing a strategy for a consistent cross-channel experience for the modern home goods consumer. The winning team—Kylie Vandenson '18, Tyler O'Campo '19, Alexandra Palmer '19, and Joshua Warren '19—proposed replacing price scanners



with tablets to address online and in-store inventories. "I am proud of [the students'] efforts and look forward to seeing students continue to make an impact on companies like this in the future," said Professor and Associate Dean Larisa Genin.

College Hosts Lasallian Filipino Scholars

Three [Filipino scholars from De La Salle University](#), Dasmariñas visited Saint Mary's on Nov. 7, meeting with students and Asian and Pacific Islander faculty and staff, and ending with a lecture on the development of indigenous Filipino psychology in a globalized context. Ricardo Clores, Silfa Napicol, and Evangelina Castronuevo shared insights about indigenous Filipino psychology. "Collectivists believe that the family is attached to all successes, and that we all develop together instead of individually," Clores said

View



These photos from Sophia Almada '18 (Chefchaouen, Morocco, left) and Adrian De Haro '19 (Quito, Ecuador, right) both won first place in the [Center for International Programs'](#) annual photo contest, celebrating International Education Week (Nov. 13-17). To honor the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide, the contest solicited the best of Saint Mary's student experiences abroad. Students submitted many creative and beautiful photos and after the final vote, there was a two-way tie.

This Week on Campus

Announcements

- [Minor Moodle upgrade Dec. 20](#)
- [SMC 3X3 Basketball Tournament](#)

[More Announcements](#)

Events

- 11/20 - [Dante on Getting Lost and Going Wrong](#)
- 11/20 & 26 - [Chamber Musicians Concert](#)
- 11/20 - [Rosary Group](#)
- 11/26 - [Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration Bilingual Kick-Off Mass](#)

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Religious Services

- Sunday Mass in the Chapel. [View the schedule.](#)

De La Salle Reflection

- [For the week of Nov 20.](#)

Go Gaels



Raggio, Gaels Blow Past Cal Poly

Sydney Raggio scored a game-high 23 points Sunday and the Saint Mary's women's basketball team won the battle down low versus Cal Poly, as the [Gaels beat the Mustangs, 82-64](#), in a non-conference game at McKeon Pavilion.

Did You Know?

Gaels, you'll now have even more time to cram for finals! [The Library is extending its hours until 3 a.m.](#) Nov. 27-30, and will be open 24/7 Dec. 1-7. Remember you can reserve a room on D!bs, check out textbooks, and ask a librarian for help. Happy studying!

Do you have a little-known tidbit or story about Saint Mary's? Send it to [Campus News](#).

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